



2019 Annual Report

Nevada

Volunteers

The Governor's Commission on Service







NEVADA VOLUNTEERS

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MESSAGE FROM
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AND
THE COMMISSION CHAIR

Stacey Muse

Scott Emerson



Dear Friends in Service,

This year was a great year for Nevada Volunteers! We increased the federal resources supporting Nevada communities across the state, recognized outstanding volunteerism and service in the state, and launched NVVolunteerConnect.org to increase access to volunteer opportunities.

AmeriCorps Nevada has grown in depth and breadth over the past year. Roughly three million federal dollars went to ten nonprofit and public organizations to fund 11 programs. This resulted in \$3,121,243 matching funds (public and private) and 382 AmeriCorps members serving in 13 counties in the state. Through AmeriCorps Nevada the following things were accomplished:

- 268,891 service hours completed
- 3,183 acres of parks or public lands were improved
- 754 people received information on health insurance, health care and health benefits programs
- 1,455 students improved academic engagement as a result of K-12 education, mentoring or tutoring programs
- 445 volunteers were generated to support their communities.

In the Spring of 2019, we launched NVVolunteerConnect.org statewide. This website is a Nevada-centered guide for volunteer opportunities throughout the state. In 2019, we listed 243 organizations and look forward to increasing this number in 2020.

This year also brought exciting changes to volunteer and service recognition programs. We created a youth designation for the Governor's Certificates to help recognize Nevada's outstanding youth volunteers. We awarded a total of 190 Governor's Certificates across the state. Our premier annual recognition event, the Governor's Points of Light Awards, was moved to April to align with National Volunteer Month. We look forward to a new and improved awards ceremony on April 9, 2020, where we will have several new categories to ensure recognition of outstanding service to Nevada.

None of this would have been possible without the leadership and support of our Commissioners, staff, volunteers, and donors. We greatly appreciate all that you do for Nevada Volunteers!

In Service,
Stacey Muse & Scott Emerson

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NEVADA VOLUNTEERS

NEVADA VOLUNTEERS, A NONPROFIT

ORGANIZATION, is proud to serve as the Governor's Commission on Service. Nevada Volunteers shapes a culture of service and citizenship by engaging individuals, organizations and businesses throughout the state and through the administration of AmeriCorps State funding.

While many State Commissions are part of their state government, the Nevada Commission (Nevada Volunteers) operates as an independent nonprofit organization and provides services that would otherwise be provided by the state government.

Our Vision for Nevada

- Inspire people to engage in acts of giving and service.
- Seek funding to meet critical needs in Nevada through service and volunteerism.
- Inspire a culture of volunteerism that affects lives and enhances the quality of life for all.

When We Started

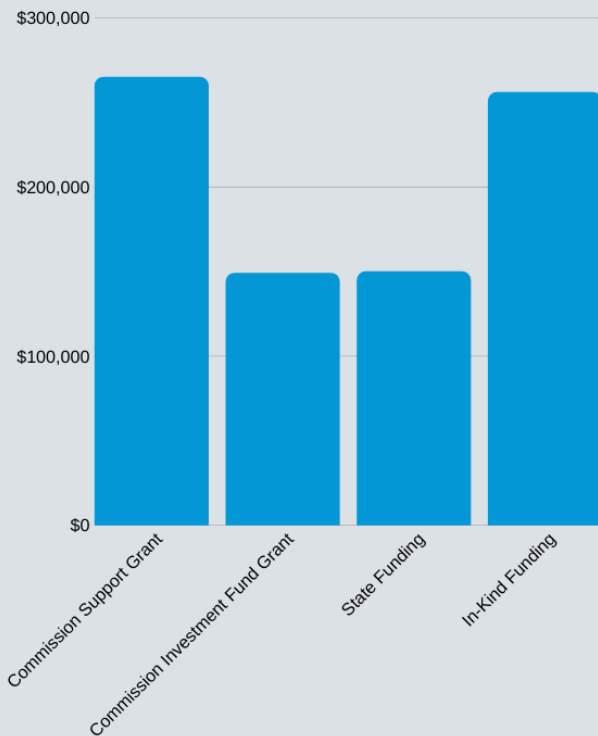
Nevada Volunteers has been helping Nevadans use service and volunteerism to address unmet needs and strengthen their communities since 1994. Nevada Volunteers became a nonprofit

commission in 1998. Throughout our history, Nevada Volunteers has helped members provide more than 27.5 million hours of service, and utilized more than \$13.6 million in education awards to pay college tuition and/or pay down student loans.

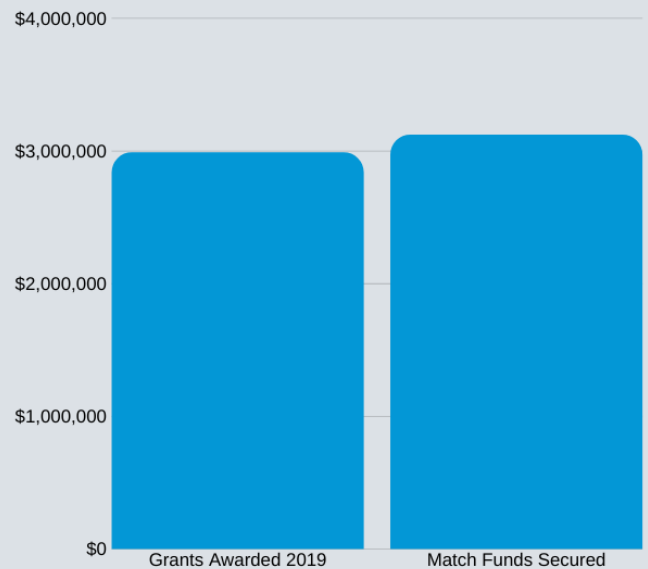
What We Do

- Award and manage AmeriCorps State funds, a national service program that rewards citizens for serving their communities with a stipend and education award.
- Coordinate and maintain a growing statewide network of volunteer opportunities.
- Administer the Governor's Volunteer Service Recognition Certificate.
- Host the Governor's Points of Light Awards to honor outstanding volunteer citizens, organizations, and businesses.
- Receive support from three sources:
 - AmeriCorps federal funding
 - The State of Nevada matching operational funds
 - Private dollars (sponsorships, in-kind donations, and grants)

Commission Funding



Federal Grants Made



Grants by Program Area



Education: \$1,330,887



Environmental Stewardship:
\$1,99,682



Healthy Futures: \$405,198



Economic Opportunity: \$51,926

\$1,245,209 will be possible for AmeriCorps members to earn in education awards in 2019-2020



NATIONAL SERVICE

AMERICORPS



AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs, made up of three primary programs that each take a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs like increasing academic achievement, mentoring youth, fighting poverty, sustaining national parks, preparing for disasters, and more.

AmeriCorps State and National supports a broad range of local service programs that engage thousands of Americans in intensive service to meet critical community needs.

AmeriCorps VISTA provides full-time members to community organizations and public agencies to create and expand programs that build capacity and ultimately bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps is a full-time residential program for men and women, ages 18-24, that strengthens communities while developing leaders through direct, team-based national and community service.

SENIORCORPS

Senior Corps is a network of national service programs for Americans 55 years and older, made up of three primary programs that each take a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Senior Corps volunteers commit their time to address critical community needs including academic tutoring and mentoring, elderly care, disaster relief support, and more.

WHAT IS NEVADA VOLUNTEERS ROLE?



Nevada Volunteers is the Nevada State Commission that oversees AmeriCorps State Programs in Nevada. Almost every state and U.S. territory has one. We grant \$2.9 million dollars to Nevada organizations and then ensure that they are able to meet all grant requirements and meet the goals of their program. We do this through monitoring and training.

AMERICORPS
BENEFITS



In addition to the reward of serving your country and giving back, the benefits of service include, but are not limited to:

- Student loan deferment
- Skills and training
- Living allowance
- Limited health benefit options
- Education Award upon completion of service to help pay for college, graduate school, or vocational training, or to repay student loans
- Career opportunities with leading employers from the private, public and nonprofit sectors.

NEVADA AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

CURRENT AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

Nevada currently has nine AmeriCorps programs with members serving in nearly every county and Carson City. Programs operate in areas that impact education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures and economic opportunity.



CITY OF LAS VEGAS

ReInvent Schools Las Vegas focuses on academic achievement, expanded learning, wraparound services, and family and community engagement at under performing urban core schools. This year the program will place 48 AmeriCorps members in Clark County schools to mentor more than 500 children who are behind in reading, or have low school attendance rates, to support the Read by Three initiative and ensure future success in school and in life for Nevada children.



GREAT BASIN INSTITUTE

Great Basin Institute's Nevada Conservation Corps harnesses the energy and idealism of youth to meet the needs of Nevada public lands and communities. This year NCC will place 175 AmeriCorps members through the state of Nevada. Because of their service 3000 acres of Nevada land will be improved supporting burned area restoration efforts on public lands and mitigating the threat of future wild land fires.



IMMUNIZE NEVADA

Immunize Nevada AmeriCorps members support immunization through outreach, education and partnership in Washoe, Clark, Carson, Lyon, Douglas, Elko, Nye, and Lander counties. This year, Immunize Nevada will place 10 AmeriCorps members throughout the state of Nevada.



NEVADA STATEWIDE COALITION PARTNERSHIP

Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership manages two AmeriCorps programs and places 44 members who support health and education needs using a unique coalition model to deliver services in local communities. NSCP AmeriCorps members serve statewide in the hardest to reach communities helping connect people to resources including resources to help prevent opioid and prescription drug abuse in 15 Nevada counties. Members will provide direct services including partnering with law enforcement, providing community education, and assisting with prescription drug take back events.



TRUCKEE MEADOWS PARKS FOUNDATION STUDENT STEWARDS

The Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation Student Stewards AmeriCorps Program is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), standards-based curriculum that uses citizen science to engage kids with their local parks. This program introduces students to the importance of STEM fields and to the ever-growing opportunities in STEM jobs. This year TMPF will place 24 AmeriCorps member who will teach citizen science-based education programs using public lands as learning laboratories in Washoe County and Carson City increasing the academic engagement of more than 1,200 opportunity youth.



TRUCKEE MEADOWS PARKS FOUNDATION WETLAND RESTORATION

With 15 AmeriCorps members Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation is working to restore the property formerly known as Rosewood Lakes Golf Course to a functional wetland system. The goal of this restoration project is to reopen the area as the Truckee Meadows Nature Study Area (TMNSA) in the summer of 2020. TMNSA will offer an array of recreational and educational activities for members of the community of all ages. This will be accomplished through partnerships with a variety of organizations along with a robust advisory board.



WALKER BASIN CONSERVANCY

Established in 2014, the Walker Basin Conservancy (WBC) is leading the effort to restore and maintain Walker Lake while protecting agricultural, environmental and recreational interests in the Walker Basin. This year WBC will place 52 AmeriCorps members to support native fish and wildlife in the Walker Basin through stewardship activities that will enhance the Walker River corridor as it is transitioned from primarily agricultural use to mixed uses including heavily increased recreation.



NEVADA OUTDOOR SCHOOL

The Nevada Outdoor School AmeriCorps Program is a community development program that provides professional and life-skills training for community members, and collaborations for best practices to increase the overall outreach of rural nonprofits. Nevada Outdoor School's AmeriCorps State program will place 37 full-time, part-time, and summer AmeriCorps members at organizations throughout rural northern Nevada to serve as mentors, naturalists, and outreach assistants supporting low income families, students and senior citizens. Members engage the community in understand their public lands, supporting the most vulnerable members of their communities, and they leverage more than 550 volunteers to help them reach these goals each year.



FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL

The Family Support Council provides education, prevention and intervention services to support growth and development of healthy families in Douglas County. Their AmeriCorps program will place 18 members at their Kit's Valley Preschool to implement interventions for both school readiness and trauma-informed care for children ages 0 to 6.

NEVADA AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

FUTURE AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

Each year Nevada Volunteers makes planning grants to organizations who are new to AmeriCorps. These organizations spend one-year working closely with Nevada Volunteers to develop a program that can meet a community identified need with AmeriCorps members. In 2019, Nevada Volunteers made two planning grants. We hope to see outstanding new national service programs in 2020 from these organizations.



**United Way of Northern
Nevada and the Sierra**

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United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra is developing a new AmeriCorps program in the area of education to support children in Northern Nevada. The literacy rate for third graders across Northern Nevada is only 48% meaning over 50% of children are reading below grade level. This program will support children and families helping to increase the literacy rate for children in Northern Nevada.



OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE

Opportunity Village is developing a new AmeriCorps program in the area of Economic Opportunity to support adults with intellectual disabilities in Southern Nevada. In Nevada the poverty rate of adults with intellectual disabilities is over 20%. This program will expand Opportunity Villages offerings to support adults with intellectual disabilities and help them be ready for vocational opportunities in Southern Nevada.



STORIES OF SERVICE

Nevadan's aren't the only ones who feel the impact of service. AmeriCorps members come from all over the country for the opportunity to serve programs in Nevada. From local members raised in Hawthorne to those who have moved from as far as New York, AmeriCorps members use their diverse backgrounds to #GetThingsDone in the Silver State.



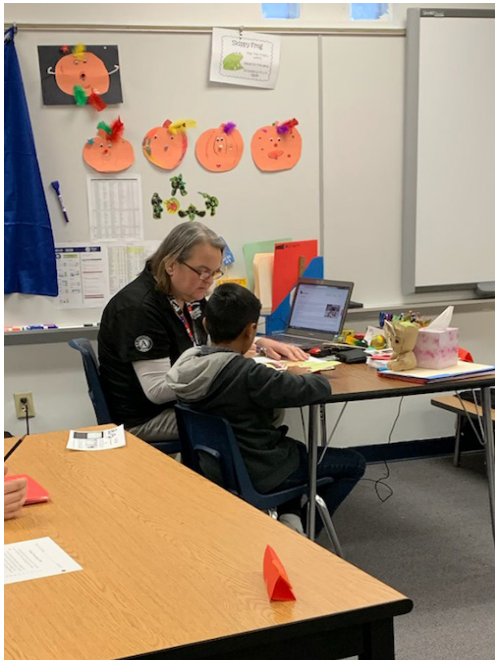
"**AmeriCorps** is a great starting point, in which, one can grow, individually, as a person, along with obtaining the ability to recognize the issues a single community faces on an everyday basis. Serving for **AmeriCorps** will assist one, with gaining experience, and feel for those who aren't as fortunate as them, and maintain the will to go out, and help somebody, regardless of the situation!"

-Mohsina Haroon, Nevada Outdoor School



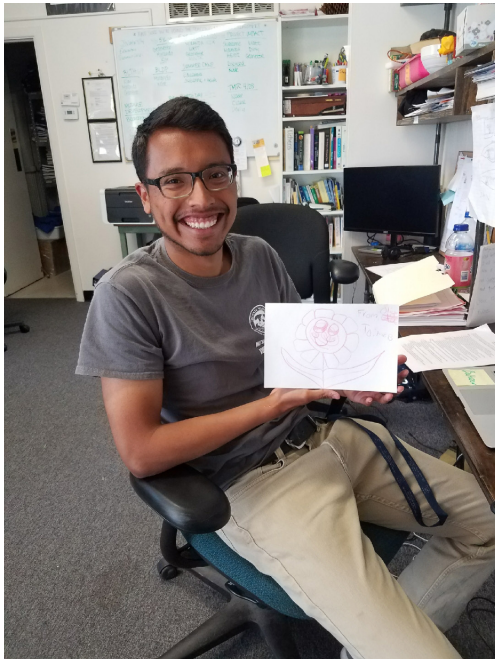
"I have always wanted to be a part of either **AmeriCorps** or a Peace Corps program, but found **AmeriCorps** would fit better into my life. I am half way through my masters in public health and was looking for a position that would offer me community facing experience that could translate into a future career post-graduation. "

-Nina Anderson, Immunize Nevada



"Joining **AmeriCorps** has been (and continues to be) a great experience. It lets me apply what I've learned over the years in business and training in a fun and satisfying way. Working to build reading skills in young children is a true labor of love, for me. I enjoy seeing them light up when they know they are 'getting' it. The smiles and excitement the kids express when we're together fuel my commitment. With so many various ways to serve via **AmeriCorps**, anyone with a heart to help can find a program that speaks to them. It's so rewarding to know that as I share my time and service, doing something I truly believe in, I can be assured that I am making a difference in people's lives through **AmeriCorps**."

-Joy Hollon, ReInvent Schools Las Vegas



"**AmeriCorps** is a great opportunity for people to explore different paths in their fields of career and even other careers. The flexibility of the job is amazing for a recent college grad whose still trying to figure things out!"

-Baltazar Pulido, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation Student Stewards Program



"**AmeriCorps** provides a fantastic opportunity to truly immerse yourself in a community. Service members grow and learn with their community, and leave it a happier, healthier, and more united place. I think **AmeriCorps** can restore people's faith in the unified nature of American society, showing how a group of individual's can rally behind a cause and make substantial, meaningful change. "

-Kara Hettinger, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation Wetland Restoration

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382

individuals served as
AmeriCorps members in
Nevada during 2018-2019



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2019 NEVADA IMPACT



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NV VOLUNTEER CONNECT

In late 2018 Nevada Volunteers partnered with Inspiring Service, to launch NV Volunteer Connect, a volunteer connection service that helps volunteers find opportunities and organizations find volunteers. In the past year nearly 250 organizations across the state have been listed on NV Volunteer Connect. Volunteers can easily search through all 250 to find the perfect volunteer opportunity to be involved in their communities.



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The Governor's Points of Light Awards Ceremony

is Nevada's most prestigious volunteer recognition event, celebrating Nevada's brightest volunteers and volunteer organizations. It is the premier and sole statewide recognition event for volunteerism and service. Nominations are solicited from throughout the state and each nomination is reviewed by a judging panel with representatives from rural, northern and southern Nevada, nonprofit and corporate organizations, national service programs and the volunteer manager community.

2018 Governor's Points of Light Awards Recipients

Individual Volunteer Northern Nevada - Sally de Lipkau
Individual Volunteer Southern Nevada - Albert Bass
Individual Volunteer Rural Nevada - Kayla Blevins
Individual Youth Volunteer - Radhika Shah
Volunteer Program Manager - Cozette Eldridge
Nonprofit/Community Volunteer Program - Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful
Business/Corporate Volunteer Program - Sands Cares



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The Governor's Volunteer Recognition Certificate is a statewide recognition by the Governor's office for excellence in volunteerism. Individuals who receive this certificate have been nominated by nonprofits, businesses, faith-based groups, civic organizations or government based entities.

Participation in this program helps bring attention to the powerful ways in which volunteers build our communities and make Nevada a better state for all of us. While the Governor's Volunteer Recognition Certificate is designed to recognize exceptional volunteers, it is Nevada Volunteers' hope to inspire new volunteers and encourage existing volunteers to greater engagement. We hope you will utilize this mechanism to reward and recognize your outstanding volunteers.

2019 Governor's Volunteer Recognition Certificate Recipients

Carol Almand	Betty Evans	Lynn Lehman	Brenda Ragsdale	Lauren Tomita
Bret Arnett	Frieda Ford	Milo Leist	Virginia Reimold	CatherineTomsic
Twyla Ayarbe	Cheryl Jo Frair	Adam Lewis	Sabrina Rendla	Beverly Treadway
Clifford Baptiste	Diana Frances	Charlyn Lewis	Alex Rendla	Julie True
Craig Becker	Chris Fregulia	Frederic Loesch	Pat Revzin	James Turner
Judy Berg	Sandi Freund	George Lynch	John Reynolds	Chris Veach
Maryann Bergquist	Kate Fries	Julia Lynn	Linda Richardson	Edgar Velazquez
Caitlin Bernmonti	Rene Garcia	Peggy Madeira	Annamarie Robinson	Denise Victorine
John Braschi	James Gardner	Rose Marlow	Timothy Rogers	Reece Wade
Marlene Bremner	Gary Garofalo	Patrica Mastrostefano	Karen Rogers	Melissa Warren
Robert Brewer	Jimmy Gentry	Phyllis Maus	Sharon Roscher	Gary Warshefski
Henri Brongsgeet	Dolores Gilgert	Carol Mazy	Robert Roscher	Stacie Weber
Helen Brooks	Jill Gilliam	Kevin McClelland	Michael Roy	Kai Wells
Amy Brown	Sean Gilliam	Donna McCormick	Liberatus Rwebugisa	Robin Wetherbee
Liliana Bruscia	James Glaser	Robert Meckley	Teresa Saenz	Janet Whitmore
Patsy Burgess	Rhonita Goulet	Phyllis Millard	Angelia Schneider	Pamela Williams
Bob Byington	Dorothy Grimes	Judy Miller	Kenaz Duane Peter Segaya	Gay Ann Williams
Cindy Byington	Joseph Gurney	Stephen Mohan	Lynn Ann Short	Carolyn Wilson
Susan Campau	Andrea Hadhazy	Barbara Morre	Kathleen Shupp	Sandra Wing
Leslie Carey	Patricia Hagle	Charles Morris	Mary Simonian	Jon Wolfe
Carol Carmella	Christine Hansen	Susan Mullen	Antonia Slunaker	Michelle Wong
Danny Carrasco	Cheryl Hartfield	Judy Mumford	Laura M. Smith	Steffany Yang
Sue Ellen Christensen	Jim Henshall	Priiri Naik	Dale Snyder	David Youngs
Leroy Clement	Dora Hernandez	Darlene Nevin	Kay Starley	
Anita Cohen	Ella Hight	Karen Nickels	Yuki Stevens	
Jim Colman	Gilvert Hildebrandt	Vicki Lee Omnes	Sandra Strecker	
Becky Conrad	Rory Hogen	David Oren	Jake Stringer	
Karen Correll	Camille Howard	Sandy Osheroff	Eva Suoprizio	
Brandon Cruz	Pam Irick	Nancy Padgett	Eric Tapp	
Woddy Davis	Carol Izral	Toni Pardee	Cliff Taylor	
Denise Delude	Sandy Jennings	Melissa Paul	Betty Thoreson	
Rodney Dimmitt	Richard Keirn	Louise Pena	Catherine Tollstrup	
Alana Dixon-McAllister	Pauline Klawitter	Vance Perino		
Terry R. Donahue	Linda Klomp	Annie Perkins		
Shahn Douglass	Connie Laderman	Marilyn Peshek		
Stelvin Downs	Joseph Lamberger	Elayne Peterson		
Stephanie Driscoll	Judy Lamoureux	Diana Pokoski-Houle		
Maria Duran	Betty Lasater	Linda Poole		
John Dury	Mary Lawson	Lenita Powers		
MJ Dykxhoorn	Joan Lee	Gordon Pratt		
Norma Ellis	Pat Leedy	Dolores Pummill		

2020 **IMPORTANT DATES**

January

February

-12: DOVIA of Southern Nevada Meeting

March

-5: Nevada Volunteers Commission Meeting

-9: AmeriCorps Week Begins

April

-9: 2020 Governor's Points of Light Awards

-19: National Volunteer Week Begins

May

-13: DOVIA of Southern Nevada Meeting

June

-11: Nevada Volunteers Commission Meeting

July

August

-12: DOVIA of Southern Nevada Meeting

September

-3: Nevada Volunteers Commission Meeting

October

-5: 2021 Governor's Points of Light Awards Nominations Open

November

-11: DOVIA of Southern Nevada Meeting

December

-3: Nevada Volunteers Commission Meeting

2019 Nevada Volunteers Commissioners

Scott Emerson, Chair
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Nevada Volunteers Staff

Stacey Muse - Executive Director
 Hawley Carlson -Director of AmeriCorps
 Terry Bell - Operations Coordinator
 Alicia Blood - Program Officer
 Matthew DeBray - External Affairs Coordinator
 Brooklyn Stepro - Compliance Coordinator

2019 Nevada Volunteers Internal Volunteers

Nicole Sundem	Jon Yuspa	Tara Babcock
Dave Sundstrom	Jackeline Oelschlager	Vanessa Dixon
Ralph Stalter	Barbara Klipfel	Deanna Robinson
Brian Catlett	Janet Baker	Stephanie Torian
Salena Acox	Lisa-Marie Lightfoot	Marcia Blake
Anna Severens	Lori Leas	Ralph Stalter
Mary Herzik	Michelle Eckmann	Kara Housby
Celeste Tinajero	Mikell Goheen	Janet Wright
Michelle Gold	Lanya Turner	Joey Hastings
Melissa McDonald	Scott Benton	Millie May
Kim Harney-Moore	Deborah Chicago	Emma Weltzerman
Matt Johnson	Peggy Rew	Brenda Greigo
Marcia Blake	Nicole Ellis	
Lynda Hascheff	Lana Formato	
Amy Koeckes	Lashunda Marshall	
Jeff Bonano	Kendall Tenney	
Ariel Davis	Kevin Janison	
Brenda Jepson	Jaclyn McSpadden	
Kathy McIntosh	Carolyn Wheeler	

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 Dave Sundstrom
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 Amy Salinas
 Brooke Rippee
 Elizabeth Koebele
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 James Fitch
 Raquel Cruz-Juarez
 Michelle O-Leary
 Jessica Word
 United Way of Southern Nevada
 Cedric Williams
 Nino Galloway
 Carolyn Wheeler
 Debra Gallo
 Scott Emerson
 Nevada Broadcasters Association
 Undergraduate Research
 Radhika Shah
 Fennemore Craig, P.C.

I am Battle Born to Volunteer



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